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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:)	CONFIRMATION NO.: 9917
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Manabu HONMA, et al.)	
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U.S. Serial No.: 10/576,940)	Group Art Unit: 1792
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Filed: April 24, 2006)	Examiner: Satish Chandra
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir :

A response to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2008 is due by April 25, 2008. The Action required election among three patentably distinct species.

Applicants hereby elect Species A. This corresponds to claims 1-4 and 8.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) for any non-elected claims in due course.

It is submitted that this application now is in condition for examination on the merits and early action in that regard is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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